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April 27, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 in funding for the Village of Hempstead Sewage Collection System Improvements Phase 1 in Fiscal Year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Incorporated Village of Hempstead, located at 99 James A. Garner Way, Hempstead, NY 11550.

The funding would be used for the construction of infrastructure improvements to the sewer and water systems in the Village of Hempstead.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Rice (NY-04)
Member of Congress



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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment and Related Agencies
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior,
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1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chair Pingree and Ranking Member Joyce:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2022 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priorities:

1. Provide a funding level of **\$2,000,000** for the Village of Hempstead Sewage Collection System Improvements Phase 1 as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is The Incorporated Village of Hempstead located at 99 James A. Garner Way, Hempstead, NY 11550. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because much of the existing wastewater infrastructure in the Village of Hempstead is in a compromised and deteriorating state, which adversely impacts the residents of the Village. There are many cases where sewage backs up into residential basements causing significant health risks and property damage that many residents cannot afford to repair. The current water distribution and sanitary sewer systems in the Village of Hempstead must be upgraded for the overall health and safety of existing residents and to accommodate new proposed facilities. These upgrades will provide for residential and commercial density within the Downtown district, which will allow the Village to safely retain and also attract residents, businesses, and visitors. Once completed, the proposed project will contribute to the transformation of the Village of Hempstead from a financially depressed area to a vibrant, walkable community with affordable housing, shopping, and entertainment. This project is the first phase of critical infrastructure improvements alleviating long-standing health and safety hazards while laying the foundation for Village-wide revitalization.
2. Provide a funding level of **\$1,000,000** for Sand Filter Rehabilitation Project as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is City of Long Beach located at 1 West Chester St, Long Beach, NY 11561. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the City of Long Beach drinking water sand filtration system is an essential stage in the City's larger drinking water filtration system. If it were to fail or be compromised in any way, then the City would fail to meet the Department of Health requirements for iron

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concentration in the public drinking water supply. The City's sand filters have been in service since 1969 and have not been rehabilitated for over 20 years. The filters therefore require rehabilitation to maintain optimum performance and ensure the drinking water supply for the public is safe, clean, and in compliance with the Department of Health.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen M. Rice'.

Kathleen M. Rice (NY-04)
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